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Twins born a world apart. He was born in the United States soon after his sister was adopted from China. Remarkably close in age, he thinks they are twins.

International adoption offers a new future for children from foreign countries and enriches the lives of the parents and siblings with whom they share it.

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Information on International Adoption

Adoption Resources International (ARI) is a nonprofit, privately funded organization that provides complete one-stop service for international adoptions of children living in economically depressed regions of the world. www.adoptionresources.net/

Families with Children from China (FCC) is a nondenominational organization that provides a network of support for families who have adopted children in China and information to prospective parents. www.fwcc.org

Half the Sky Foundation is a nonprofit organization created by adoptive families of Chinese children to establish preschools and infant nurture centers inside of China's state-run orphanages. www.halfthesky.org

International Concerns for Children publishes a guidebook (*Report on Intercountry Adoption*) to international adoption and US agencies working in specific foreign countries. www.icc.adopt.org

Joint Council on International Children's Services from North America (JCICS) is the oldest and largest affiliation of licensed, nonprofit international adoption agencies in the world. JCICS membership also includes parent groups, advocacy organizations, and individuals who have an interest in intercountry adoption. www.jcics.org

MedlinePlus Health Information offers a summary guide to adoption and practical information on relevant legal, medical, and social issues. www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/adoption.html

National Adoption Information Clearinghouse, a comprehensive resource on all aspects of adoption, is a service of the Children's Bureau, Administration on Children, Youth and Families, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services. www.calib.com/naic/

Rainbow House International is a nonprofit, charitable organization that has assisted families with international adoption since 1984. www.rhi.org/newwebpg.htm#General

US Department of State: Office of Children's Issues formulates, develops, and coordinates policies and programs on international parental child abduction and international adoption. It offers general information and assistance to the US public regarding the adoption process in over 60 countries. www.travel.state.gov/officeofchildissues.html